

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 9, 2015

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the February 23rd meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon.

EMA

EMA director, Chuck Kemker presented his salary reimbursement grant application. Mark Bacon moved to sign the grant with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce reported the 2015 Rush Fest will be held on September 19th. Organizers will meet on March 10th at the Chamber building.

RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Verlin Custer, Chief of the Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department presented the Annual Run Report for 2014. Custer reported 91 EMS runs and 34 fire runs. Three new members have been recruited to the force and a new ambulance is expected to be delivered in June. The monthly Raleigh EMS report for February was reviewed by the Commissioners.

ECDC

Economic Development Director, John Mc Cane noted that Hometown Collaboration will conduct a meeting on March 18th. A letter to the Indiana Finance Commission supporting the distinction of the new industrial park being recognized as a "Shovel Ready Gold" project was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. McCane, on behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, thanked the Commissioners for the "greening" of the courthouse.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented a local agreement with Henry County to rebuild Henry County Bridge 188 on 1200N. Sitton stated that the \$98,000 required was appropriated in the Cumulative Bridge fund. Mark Bacon moved to sign the document and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sitton reported that since the last commissioner meeting 790 hours were logged and 300 tons of sand was used to keep Rush County roads clear. A property damage accident was reported when a truck backed into a Ride Rush vehicle.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 28. Dispatch answered 426 calls this past week and law enforcement responded to 54 road calls. Cowan presented an agreement with Owens Communications for the proposed work on the radio tower in the amount of \$30,730.31. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the agreement pending approval of the additional appropriation by the County Council and the Department of Local Government Finance. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RUSH/SHELBY BUILDING PURCHASE

Attorney Leigh Morning presented four copies of a purchase agreement with Rush/Shelby Energy for the purchase of their building on Main Street. The document states that Rush County will purchase the building, fiber hut, and generator in the amount of \$150,000 and lease the fiber hut to Rush/Shelby Energy. Paul Wilkinson moved to execute the purchase agreement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- The Auditor's Office has received a request to place a pin wheel garden on the courthouse lawn in April to raise awareness of Child Abuse. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- There will be no primary election for Rushville City on May 5th. Therefore May 5th is not a holiday in accordance with the personnel handbook.

TREASURER

Cindy Humphrey Treasurer submitted the monthly report for February but was not present.

Mark Bacon moved to approve claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilkinson moved to pay the payroll claims with Commissioner Bacon offering a second to the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor